Action against Customs Officials

930. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-

(a) the names and designations of the customs officials suspended in the wake of smuggling RDX on the Western Coast;

(b) the names of other officials against whom complaints have been received.

(c) what action is being contemplated against them; and

(d) what are the reasons delay in taking action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The name and designations of Customs officials suspended in connection with smuggling of RDX on the Western Coast are given below:

S No	Name	Designation
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1	S.N. Thapa	Additional Collector
2	R.K. Singh	Assistant Collec or
3	S.S. Talwadekar	Superintendent
4	M.S. Sayeed	Superintendent
5	S.M. Padwal	Superintendent
6	J.K. Guvav	Inspector
7	S.K. Gharat	Inspector
8	R.R. Navalkar	Inspector
9	P. Navarajan	Inspector
10	V.V. Kadam	Inspector
11	R.A. Patil	Inspector
12	L.S. Vishandasani	Inspector

(b) No complaint from any investigating agency has been received against any other official,

(c) and (d) does not arise in view of answer to part (b)above .

Steps to prevent smuggling of arms

931. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 70 per cent consignments of RDX, sophisticated arms etc. were landed on the West Coast (Gujarat and Maharashtra) between February 15 to 20, 1993 as reported in the Times of India, Bombay, of July, 17, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the facts and results of investigations conducted in this regard; and

(c) what effective steps have so far been taken to prevent such landings of weapons and explosives of mass destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Investigations in the landing of RDX, arms ammunitions and explotives on the West Coast in under progress. It will not be in the interest of investigations to give further details at this stage.

(c) Customs and other intelligence services, both of Central and State Governments have been alerated to enforce internal surveillance in a fully integrated manner to prevent such landings.

Import of toners

932. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a racket in the import of toners and developers which are used in the prining industry in which besides the traders, the officials of the customs departments are alleged to have been involved;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken|propose to take in the matter?